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1. PRESS AUGUST 19 NOTED U.S. EXPRESSIONS OF DISAPPROVAL OF MOST RECENT ISRAELI DECISIONS. "WHITE HOUSE CIRCLES," PRESS CLAIMS, HAVE PRIVATELY ASSERTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER UPSET AND ANGRY WITH BEGIN. HE SAID TO BE CONSIDERING STRONG RESPONSE, PERHAPS SOME KIND OF ECONOMIC PRESSURE. PRESIDENT CARTER SENDING URGENT MESSAGES TO ARAB FRONT LINE LEADERS "ASSERTING HIS KEENNESS FOR PEACE AND CON-
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VENING GENEVA BEFORE END OF YEAR."

2. MAIN STORY IN CONNECTION WITH ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS WAS STATEMENT RELEASED BY FONMIN FAHMY IN WHICH ARABS CALLED UPON TO CONFRONT "GRAVE ESCALATION OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB RIGHTS." HE AGAIN MADE POINT THAT ISRAEL "CHALLENGING INTERNATIONAL WILL, AND PLACED

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BEFORE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES."
PRESS SAYS FAHMY WILL CALL IN EC AMBASSADORS AUGUST 22
FOR MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION WHICH WILL INCLUDE ISRAELI
ACTIVITIES IN OCUPIED TERRITORIES, RESULTS OF VANCE
TOUR, EGYPTIAN OUTLOOK ON COMING STAGE AND EC POLITICAL
ROLE IN SEARCH FOR ME SOLUTION. IN THIS CONNECTION AHRAH
EDITORIAL "EHERE IS EUROPEAN GROUP?" REMARKED THAT U.S,
AT LEAST, HAD MADE ITS DISAPPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY
KNOWN TO ISRAEL, BUT EC YET TO BE HEARD FROM. GUMHURIYYA
FOUND NEW EVIDENCE THAT "ISRAEL PREFERS LAND TO PEACE."

3. PALESTINIANS. ACCORDING PRESS,FATAH CENTRAL COUNCIL
WILL BEGIN TWO-DAY MEETING WITHIN NEXT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS
TO DISCUSS PALESTINIAN STAND, DETERIORATION OF SITUATION
IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY.
AHRAH "LEARNS" THAT COUNCIL WILL ISSUE POLITICAL COM-
MUNIQUE AFTER MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION BY PNC CENTRAL
COUNCIL WHEN IT MEETS IN DAMASCUS AUGUST 25. PRESS ALSO
NOTES HAWADESS REPORT THAT DAMASCUS MEETING LIKELY TO
DECIDE TO FORM GOVERNMENT - IN -EXILE.

4. ARAB SUMMIT? TALK OF ARAB SUMMIT MEETING AGAIN SUR-
FACED IN PRESS. SUBJECT REPORTEDLY WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING
AL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 3 AND SPECULATION FROM
AL-NAHAR SAYSIT WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER FOLLOWING UNGA.

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5. TODAY'S INTERESTING OMISSION FROM PRESS COVERAGE IS
PLO SPOKESMAN ABU MAYZAR CONDEMNATION IN BEIRUT AUGUST
18 OF U.S.- ISRAELI "PLANS TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN CAUSE."
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